

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Final Office Action dated November 4, 2009 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 1, 18, 35 and 46. No new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 6-13, 18-19, 22-35 and 46 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 6-12, 18, 22-31, 35 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,445,432) in view of Midorikawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,281,955); rejected claims 2 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto et al. in view of Midorikawa et al. and in further view of Shin (U.S. Patent No. 5,825,449); and rejected claims 13 and 32-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto et al. in view of Midorikawa et al. and in further view of Song (U.S. Patent No. 6,307,602).

These rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 1 recites a liquid crystal display device, comprising a combination of elements, for example, "a color filter over the first insulating layer in each pixel region . . . each color filter having a first top surface...the light-shielding color filter patterns having a second top surface...wherein the first and second top surfaces face the common electrode and have the same level." Claim 18 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 18 recites a combination of elements, for example "...each color filter having a first top surface...the light-shielding color filter patterns having a second top surface...wherein the first and second top surfaces face the common electrode and have the same level." Claim 35 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 35 recites a combination of elements, for example, "...each of the red, green and blue color filters having a first top surface...the light-shielding color filter patterns having a second top surface...wherein the first and second top surfaces face the pixel electrode and have the same level." Claim 46 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 46 recites, for example, a combination

of elements, "...each color filter having a first top surface...the light-shielding color filter patterns including a second top surface...wherein the first and second top surfaces face the common electrode and have the same level..." None of the cited references teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and its dependent claims 2 and 6-13, claim 18 and its dependent claims 19 and 22-34, claim 35, and claim 46 are allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the foregoing discussion places the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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